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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 9, as follows:

The prepared material are zirconia and yttria whose grain sizes are regulated in a predetermined level. First 94.0 mol%zirconia and 6.0mol%yttria are disposed to obtain a mixed powder. Then, the mixed powder (100 weight part) is added with SiO^2 (0.15 weight part) and $A1_2O_3$ (2.0 weight), and <u>grinded ground</u> and mixed together in a pot mill for a predetermined time. Next, the obtained <u>ground</u> mixture is mixed with an organic solvent (e.g., mixed solution of ethanol and toluene), a binder (polyvinyl butyral), and a plasticizing agent (di-butyl phthalate) to obtain a slurry.